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## Two Indy Parks to Feature Final Four? Youth Basketball Clinics "YES" clinics reach out to local youth through NCAA coaches and student athletes

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Indy Parks and Recreation announces two city parks will serve as sites for free basketball clinics for youth ages 10-18, on Saturday, April 1 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon, in conjunction with the 2006 NCAA Final Four in Indianapolis. The clinics will take place at Washington Park, 2801 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St., and Municipal Gardens, 1831 N. Lafayette Rd. The Municipal Gardens site will emphasize bilingual instruction.

The "YES" clinics — Youth Education through Sports — are conducted by the National Youth Sports Corporation (NYSC) and are cosponsored by PowerAde. The clinics feature instruction from collegiate coaches and student-athletes in sports, conditioning and life skills at select collegiate championships. The YES Program is the NCAA's premier outreach to youth across the country.

"We are thrilled to be a part of the YES clinics during the Final Four Tournament," Indy Parks Director Joseph Wynns said. "These clinics are a great way for our youth to get involved in celebrating the spirit of the NCAA championships."

In addition to the park locations, the YES basketball clinics will take place at the University of Indianapolis and Butler University.

Participants will receive basketball instruction from NCAA coaches and student-athletes. In addition, experts in conditioning and life skills will conduct activities to improve fitness mentally and physically on and off the court. The specific skill sessions will be more instructional in format, and teach the "FUN" in fundamentals of sports and life.

In addition to the clinic instruction, each participant will receive a souvenir YES T-shirt, information on basketball skill development, nutrition and academic topics, and other gift items.

Clinic registration forms are available online at indyparks.org or by contacting Heather Krauser at (317) 829-5788 or hkrauser@NYSCorp.org. Additional information regarding the NCAA YES Program and NYSC can be obtained at www.NYSCorp.org.

